

By Authority

WATER NOTICE.

In accordance with Section 1, of Chapter XXXVI of the Laws of 1896:
All persons holding water privileges or those paying water rates, are hereby notified that the water rates for the term ending June 30, 1897, will be due and payable at the office of the Honolulu Water Works, on the 1st day of January, 1897.
All rates remaining unpaid for fifteen days after they are due will be subject to an additional 10 per cent.
Rates are payable at the office of the Water Works in the Kapahulu Building.
ANDREW BROWN,
Superintendent Honolulu Water Works.
Honolulu, H. I., Dec 17, 1896.
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See Evening Bulletin.

DANIEL LOGAN, Editor

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CHRISTMAS.

Readers of the BULLETIN all know what Christmas is, what it means, what are its obligations to superiors, inferiors and equals—as to visible station and actual holdings of this world's gear. They are all commended to make the best use possible of the merry season. "Be good and you'll be happy," about fills the bill as a motto for Christmas Eve. Do good and you'll be still happier. To one and all—patrons, borrowers, friends and foes—the BULLETIN wishes a Merry Christmas.

SHORT MEMORIES.

This paper took up the advocacy of annexation in a special way at about even date with the revived movement now under way. It was no change excepting in point of activity. As a matter of fact the subject of annexation had for long up to that time received but scant attention from any party or press. Many of the earliest adherents of the cause—including some whose forwardness as such secured them snug offices—had begun to argue against annexation and in favor of independence. From the first issue of the present series of the BULLETIN, however, not an article has appeared in it opposed to annexation. This journal has, on the contrary, constantly kept prominent the fundamental nature of this item of national policy. Its maintained freedom to criticize general details of the administration should only emphasize, with thoughtful people, the constancy of its course in regard to the cardinal aim of this republic. The BULLETIN even in its oldest series was really the prophet of annexation, holding with frequency that, when the monarchy should become no longer tenable, the United States would be the natural and rightful harbor of refuge for Hawaii. It is true that this paper has been against the raising of false hopes regarding annexation, as in the case of the absurd contention that the evasive reference to Hawaii in the Republican platform—declaring simply for a "control" that had already been established many years—meant a commitment of that party when it came into power to the annexation of these islands. An intimation in the BULLETIN some time ago, that it would propound a feasible scheme of political union, was shortly followed by the submission of a scheme involving the legislation by the American Congress of a sort of colonial system, which should not only fit the case of Hawaii but of other countries that destiny may, in the near future, bring within the moral obligations of the United States to govern or at least protect. Many men of mind have conceded the theory to be a good one, but at the same time expressed the opinion, founded on the known conservatism of American politics,

that there are quicker modes of attaining the end in view than awaiting the adoption of a colonial system by the United States. The foregoing assertions of fact respecting the BULLETIN's position—which could be fortified by others—are submitted with a challenge to disproof, for the especial benefit of all whose interest it seems to be to cultivate shortness of memory.

AN UNTRUTH CORRECTED.

There has been no presentation of the Annexation Club's roll to employees of the BULLETIN, under any the slightest constraint, for signature. A copy of the roll as a matter of course lies in the office of one of the proprietors, he being a member of the executive of the club, and has been voluntarily signed by some of the business staff. The editor finding the scroll accidentally under his hand promptly signed it, as a registered elector of this Republic from its early days and a member of the American Union party since its organization. When the BULLETIN, in its last previous series, was holding out for restoration of the monarchy by the United States Government, in reparation of the disavowed action of its agents in overthrowing it by armed force, its employers were allowed the utmost freedom of action. The native Hawaiian foreman of the BULLETIN joined the original Annexation Club, and carried a torch in the procession organized in fare well to Minister Stevens. This man's action was not resented and it was only out of curiosity that he was even asked to explain his motive. His answer was satisfactory in its manliness, and he was permitted in peace to make his honest livelihood from "royalist" employ. "I considered the future welfare of my children," was the simple explanation.

WHICH DAY?

Lately the London Times discussed with elaboration the question, not altogether new, as to whether the next century would begin with the year 1900 or 1901. It decided in effect that if the dating figures of each year are cardinal numbers the present century will end with December 31, 1899, but if they are to be taken as ordinal numbers like the days of the month the century will pass with the last day of 1900. In other words: Was the first year of the Christian era to be written 0 or 1? The Times favors the ordinal numeration, which makes the glorious XIX. close at midnight of December 31, 1900. It is probably right in its conclusion, but an ignorant man up a tree would like to ask why the astronomers, who can fix the day and the hour of a solar or a lunar eclipse a thousand years in either the past or the future, cannot inform us whether we are living in the 358th day of the 1896th or the 1897th year of the Christian era, counting by the revolutions of the earth round the sun.

It is the cordial hope of the San Francisco Chronicle that the desire of Hawaii for a cable will soon be gratified, as the value of such a means of communication to the United States would be very great. The author of so wondrous kind and unselfish a sentiment must feel the sproutings of his angel plumage.

San Francisco lawyers are reverting to primitive ways. One struck at another with his fist in court the other day. The judge said such conduct was reprehensible, but he didn't fine the practitioner for not having a pistol on him.

Turkey would rather execute reformers than reforms.

POLICE COURT MATTERS.

Judge Wilcox Has a General Round-Up of Opium Cases.

There was a very pronounced smell of opium in the atmosphere of the District Court this morning when His Honor Judge Wilcox ascended the rostrum and announced himself in readiness to administer justice as required, either in doses of the straight article or tempered with a little mercy. The smell of opium came from the numerous dope outfits gathered together by Cordes & Co. and to be produced in evidence in the various cases to be brought up.

There were twenty eight cases on the calendar this morning and all but three of the defendants were charged with opium in possession. In many of the cases where there were two or three defendants one of them pleaded guilty and the others were not prosecuted. Whether they all chipped in afterwards and helped pay the \$50 fines of the seagoats does not appear on the record, and, as one of the effects of the use of opium seems to be to close the mouths of its devotees, will probably never be known. Those fined \$50 each were King Wa, Nick Hiu and Ah Chaw. In the matter of Ah Lam, Chan Choy and Abuna charged with smoking opium in a room in the rear of the new Chinese theater last Sunday, the prosecution dropped the case after hearing the testimony of Gus Cordes and several others who made the arrests.

The gang of Chinese arrested in the Ho Sin Kee building last night for smoking opium reserved their plea until Saturday and are out on bail in the meantime.

Chin Cook, who pleaded guilty of the same offense, had his sentence suspended for thirty days to allow of his leaving the country in the meantime.

Kaili, a confirmed petty larceny thief, was given a Christmas box behind the ear in the shape of a sentence of six months' hard labor.

Cupid Kalaniapale was the next to face the stern majesty of the law. Cupid was charged with assaulting Collector Lloyd of the Electric Light Works when the latter, to use a common expression, "shoved a bill in his face." Cupid pleaded "guilty with extenuating circumstances," claiming that Lloyd insulted him without cause in presenting the bill. His Honor, without going into further particulars, made it an even \$5 fine and knocked off the costs.

After fining Lee \$20 for peddling cheap tickets Judge Wilcox adjourned court until Saturday morning and went home to his Christmas turkey with a clear conscience and that good appetite which is said to accompany it.

Venison, turkeys, geese, ducks, chickens, small roasting pigs, and other meat delicacies are to be found at the Central Meat Market for Christmas.

Sailors' Home Restaurant

Lu Hung Co., Proprietors.

Christmas Dinner from 11 a. m. to 6 p. m.
Bill of Fare: Giblet Soup, Fried Mullet, butter sauce, Roast Ham, champagne sauce, Roast Sucking Pig, apple sauce, Turkey cranberry sauce, Beef, Vegetables, Stew Tomatoes, Smashed Potatoes, Dessert: Plum Pudding, Fruit Cakes, Mince Pie, Ice Cream, Tea, Coffee and Chocolate. Price 25 Cents

Closing Notice.

The stores of the undersigned will not be open on Christmas Day. Customers are requested to place their orders as early as convenient Thursday.

H. MAY & CO.
LEWIS & CO.
H. E. MCINTYRE & BRO.
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Saratoga House

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Turkey Dinner

From TONIGHT till SUNDAY EVENING; and

Turkey Dinner and Plum Pudding

On FRIDAY NIGHT.
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Timely Topics

—ON—

CART AND BUGGY HARNESS AND EQUINE FURNISHING GOODS.

Last week we entertained the public with a list of a few of the articles we have in stock suitable for Christmas and New Year's gifts. This week we have got an economical streak on, on account of taxes being due and the water rates for next year being needed in advance. We take it for granted that everyone else is in the same boat, and hence endeavor to show people how they can save a little money, at least enough to buy something to put in the children's stockings next Thursday night.

You can save money by buying from us:

Cart and Buggy Harness neat, light, strong and cheap, all prices from \$15.50 to \$35.00

Dump Cart Harness and Saddles.

Mule Harness.

Boston Team Horse Collars.

Wet Horse Collars.

Mule Collars.

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Sweat Pads.

Something new. — Dashboards for Brakes and Carts, three sizes, all ready to fix on.

Good assortment of Chamois Skins, Horse Brushes, Dandy Brushes, Mane Combs, Halter Chains.

The celebrated Whitman Bit, the best Riding Bit out.

A new invoice of Horse Clippers, Carriage and Riding Whips.

If you want to go out driving after dark, buy a Dietz Dash Lantern 3 for a \$1.00 and save a \$5.00 fine.

If your taste is more expensive we can sell you a Dietz Driving Lantern for \$4.00.

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NECKWEAR OF EVERY DESCRIPTION,

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Hats either Felt or Straw, for Men and Boys

Smoking Jackets, Panama Hats, Puggarees in many designs; Collar and Cuff Buttons, Bosom Studs, Sleeve Links, Boy's Shirt Waists,

READY-TO-WEAR SUITS FOR MEN AND BOYS

Valises and Hand Bags, some very nice ones in Alligator; and a great many other things.

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Corner of Fort and Merchant Sts.



W. W. DIMOND.

Delays are not always dangerous, old sayings to the contrary notwithstanding. If the Alameda had not been delayed in San Francisco the last trip, we would have been without our enlarged stock of Sterling silver ware and our customers would have had to limit their purchases.

But now we have the goods, and they are ready for your inspection, ready to be sent home to you. This last invoice is from the celebrated Whiting Silver Company, and the prices are so low that it is cheaper in the long run than pewter. The assortment comprises everything, from an ordinary butter pick to a food pusher. We mention the latter as though it was a common every day affair, but it's not—it's rare.

If you are interested read this partial list and remember that the material of which the cases are made is the finest.

Sardine Servers silk case, \$4.05; Child's Set, knife, fork and spoon in handsome case, \$6.60; Pie Knives in case, \$10.20; Cake Knives in silk case, \$11.05; Butter Knives in kid case, \$4.75; Pickle Forks, silk case, \$3.75; Sugar Spoons, silk case, \$3.50; Sugar Tongs, silk case, \$6.40; Bon Bon Tongs, kid case, \$4.20; Napkin Rings, from \$1.15 to \$4.20; Brandy Flasks, Fruit Knives, Tea, Dessert, Table and Soup Spoons; Dessert, Table and Fish Forks; Butter Dishes—without covers; Silver Bread and Butter Plates; Knife Rests, Butter Picks and Spreaders, Oyster Forks, Fish and Dessert Knives, Coffee, Salt and Mustard Spoons.

On honor, now!

Letters may be mailed in the letter box at Wall, Nichols Co's store between 9 o'clock next Saturday morning, Nov. 28th, and 12 o'clock noon of December 24th, the day before Christmas.

The doll will be on exhibition in one of their large show windows during the above period. The judges of the merits of the letters received will be decided upon by representatives of the press of Honolulu.

Store open evenings.